

# PRESIDENT WILSON GREATLY INTERESTED IN WOUNDED SOLDIERS' FUND

Lilian Bell, The Evening World, New York.

May I not express my very great interest in the purpose of raising \$10,000 to give a Christmas remembrance to each of the wounded ex-Service Men under treatment in the New York Hospitals?

Washington, Dec. 20

WOODROW WILSON.

To-Night's Weather—CLOUDY, WARMER

To-Morrow's Weather—RAIN, WARMER.

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## CURFEW ORDER FAILS TO CHECK HOLDUPS BOSS MASONS, IN PANIC, DECIDE TO DISBAND

### MASON CONTRACTORS QUIT AS CORPORATION UNDER FIRE OF MR. INTERMYER'S GUNS

52 Master Plumbers Indicted Yesterday Are Held in Jail of \$5,000 Each.

KAPLAN MAKES A NOISE.

Rises to Point of Privilege and Executive Session Is Held, but—Nothing Happens.

After being under questioning for an hour and a half before the Lockwood Committee in the early session today, Thomas P. Kennedy, President of the State Mason Contractors' Corporation, appeared at the afternoon session to announce that the corporation had decided to disband as soon as possible.

Mr. Kennedy was waiting in the corridor of City Hall to make his surrender to Mr. Intermyer when the lawyer came back from lunch. The contractor was put on the stand at once.

Q. Mr. Kennedy, during recess have you consulted with other members of your association? A. Yes.

Q. In view of the present situation have you decided on some action? A. Yes, we have decided to quit.

Q. That is, you have decided that your association and corporation shall disband and dissolve? A. We have called a special meeting for Thursday night, sir, for that purpose.

Q. You intend to end your contract with the union and— A. To end everything.

Q. And go in, each man as a free lance in the trade and go ahead and compete with each other? A. That's it, yes, sir. You understand, said Mr. Intermyer in dismissing Mr. Kennedy, that we expect you to sign a statement from our point of view.

Yes, said Mr. Kennedy, humbly.

Edward B. Lee, secretary of the Corporation Builders and Masons' Association was then called.

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### DRAGGED 50 FEET BY SUBWAY TRAIN

Caught in Door of Lexington Avenue Line Man Has Narrow Escape.

Caught in a subway door, Biller Bickel, taxi-driver, was dragged 50 feet by a subway train today, escaping with a broken arm and a bruised head.

The man was brought to the Lexington Avenue station where the train stopped. He was taken to the hospital by a patrolman, and it was found that aside from a broken arm and a bruised head, he was uninjured.

After he had been dragged for 50 feet, the man, attracted by the noise, slipped the door. An ambulance was summoned from the hospital by a patrolman, and it was found that aside from a broken arm and a bruised head, he was uninjured.

### STOCKS AT LOWEST LEVEL OF YEAR IN SENSATIONAL DROP

Market Is Demoralized When Steels Fall—Replage Down 21 Points.

The stock market was practically demoralized this afternoon when steel prices fell. The market was demoralized when the price of steel fell. The market was demoralized when the price of steel fell.

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### ALIEN SPOILIATION AS OPERATED HERE BAREFACED THEFT

Selling City Hall or Traffic Rights to Brooklyn Bridge Cheap Tricks.

NO CHANCE FOR DUPES.

Robbed Right and Left by Licensed Money "Brokers" and Confidence Men.

By Martin Green.

A man thoroughly familiar with the methods of legitimate and crooked private bankers and dealers in exchange, told the writer today that the profits are so large and so easily obtained that it is difficult for an outsider in the business to be strictly honest.

An idea of the profits may be gained from quotations given the Evening World by an east side banker whose reputation is high and against whom the newspaper has not received a complaint.

The banker in question undoubtedly made out a list of his prices for foreign money. The Evening World investigator had in his pocket a similar list furnished by a big Broadway bank. The private banker in every instance quoted higher prices than the Broadway bank and in some cases the difference was quite astonishing.

Prices for drafts amounting to under \$50 were quoted by the Broadway bank, when quotations in foreign exchange and the private banker quoted \$1.00 for the same amount.

The Evening World investigator asked the private banker what he would charge for a draft on London. The private banker said he would charge \$1.00 for a draft on London.

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### BISHOP BURCH'S DEATH DESCRIBED BY MRS. DOUGLAS

Regarded Him as Saint, Says Woman in Whose Home Prelate Succumbed.

BURIAL IN CATHEDRAL.

Noted Men Will Be Pallbearers—Funeral Services on Thursday.

Mrs. Alice M. Douglass, in whose apartment at No. 355 Riverside Drive Bishop Charles Sumner Burch of the New York Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church died suddenly yesterday afternoon, was much affected during the interview she gave to the Evening World reporter in her home today.

"I did not sleep all last night," she said, "and I feel terribly depressed and broken down to-day. The accounts of the Bishop's death which have been printed are correct. He was taken ill while walking on the terrace and managed somehow or other to get to his home. He had been ill with laryngitis for which I had nursed him in the summer of 1919 at his home, No. 2 West 54th Street. Ever since he had been ill and he seemed to recover. But a moment or two later he collapsed and died."

"When Bishop Burch came to my apartment, Mrs. S. P. Marks, the owner of the house, was with me and was with him when the Bishop died."

"After many years I have been a friend of the Bishop and his family, in whom I refer you. I was devoted to my Bishop. He was a saint. He comforted my children. He was like a father to my family."

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### MME. WALSKA ASKS FOR PASSPORT TO RETURN TO EUROPE

"Richest Prima Donna" Here After Hurdled Departure From Chicago.

BRIDE OF MILLIONAIRE.

Plan for Dazzling Debut in Opera Called Off After "Zaza" Rehearsal.

The mystery surrounding Mrs. Ganna Walska, bride of Alexander Southwell, millionaire yachtman, was considerably enhanced to-day when it was learned that she had visited the State Department office in the custom house and applied for a passport. The passport, it is said, will permit Mrs. Walska to travel to France and England.

Mrs. Walska was to have made her operatic debut in Chicago and last week in the matter of rehearsals of Zaza in which she was to play the title role, the singer suddenly cancelled her engagement and left the city. It was rumored that she had developed throat trouble. Since her arrival in New York, Mrs. Walska, who carried the title of "the world's richest prima donna" following her marriage last September in Paris with Mr. Southwell, has kept herself hidden away. She declined to be seen or interviewed this afternoon.

Speculation as to the reason for Mrs. Walska's sudden termination of her engagement with the Chicago Opera Company. Her debut was to have been the advent of the season in the Windy City. She was taken in Chicago by Harold McCormack, a close friend of Mr. Southwell, and it was rumored that she was to make a leading part in the American opera season.

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### BANDITS' BAIL RAISED TO \$25,000 BY JUDGES

ESTIMATE BOARD GRANTS ENRIGHT 769 MORE COPS

Total of 1,269 New Men Are Added to Force in Year.

FAILED ONCE TO ACT.

Crug Shows Commissioner Ignored City's Offer of Increase in 1919.

The Board of Estimate today granted the request of Police Commissioner Enright for a 769-man increase in the force for the year 1921.

The board voted to increase the force from 1,269 to 2,038 men. The board also voted to increase the salary of the police from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per week.

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Flying Squadrons Search Many for Arms, but Robberies Continue Despite Curfew Order—Law Planned Would Make Penalty for Robbery and Burglary Where Weapons Are Used Life Imprisonment—City Turns Over 25 Autos to Police.

Armed to the teeth by the crime wave in New York, judges in the Court of General Sessions today demonstrated their intention to increase the penalty for robbery and burglary.

Following a conference of the Justices Judge John F. McIntyre, presiding in Part I, announced that hereafter all persons indicted for highway robbery would be required to furnish \$25,000 surety and that in all cases of indictments for first degree robbery (robbery after midnight) \$20,000 bail would be required.

After a conference with the General Sessions Judges, Assemblyman Maurice Block announced that he would introduce a bill in the Legislature which would amend the penal law to make the penalty for robbery and burglary in the first degree, where weapons are used, life imprisonment.

Five men, indicted yesterday by the Grand Jury, were arraigned before Judge McIntyre. In Magistrate's court they had been placed under \$25,000 bail. Judge McIntyre promptly increased the bail to \$25,000.

Robbers were arraigned before Judge McIntyre. They were indicted for robbery in the first degree. He sentenced them to \$25,000 bail and ordered that the Western Union of the Telephone Company of any attempt made to call them, adding that if they would then increase the bail to \$25,000.

"That is the plan for these men and the law," remarked Judge McIntyre. "If they are not guilty they will be acquitted."

POLICE ENCOURAGED BY RESULTS OF CURFEW ORDER.

Encouraged by the results of the curfew order, which instructed the uniformed members of the police force to stop and search all suspicious persons seen on the streets after midnight, the Police Department today planning even a more intensive campaign against the vicious crime that has been terrorizing Greater New York. Awakened from sleep at midnight by an officer that encourages them to a display of initiative the rank and file of the department are making valiant efforts to rid the city of menacing gunmen and thieves.

Despite the newly inaugurated efforts of the police, gunmen and thieves are still operating with boldness. The Police Department continues to be reported one of the hold-ups this midnight occurred in East 110th Street and the other in East 108th Street.

Forty-two prisoners were in the lock-up at Police Headquarters this morning as a result of the curfew order. The statistics showed that the Police Department had arrested 42 persons since the curfew order was put into effect.

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